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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON EUGENE DIVISION

SETH TERRY, individually and on behalf of similarly situated persons,

Plaintiff,

v.

JERRY DON HODGES, an individual,

Defendant.

Case No. 6:22-cv-01668-AA

PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSED MOTION FOR CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION, FOR APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF NOTICE AND FOR DISCLOSURE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.) and Oregon State Wage and Hour Laws (ORS 652.140, et seq.)

Plaintiff Seth Terry ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through his attorneys of Sanford Law Firm, PLLC, and for his Opposed

Motion for Conditional Certification, for Approval and Distribution of Notice and for

Disclosure of Contact Information, states and alleges as follows:

1.

After Defendant filed its Response to Plaintiff's Motion for Conditional

Certification (ECF No. 16), Plaintiff's counsel realized that they had failed to confer with

Defendant's counsel in compliance with Local Rule 7-1(a). Plaintiff's counsel attempted to

remedy this by conferring with Defendant's counsel by phone to see if they could state in their

Reply that Defendant was unopposed or, alternatively, file an unopposed motion for belated

relief from Local Rule 7-1(a) stating that after conferring with Defendant's counsel, the Motion

was opposed. Defendant's counsel informed Plaintiff's counsel that, while there may be some

potential areas for agreement, Plaintiff's counsel could not represent in their Reply that

Defendant was unopposed to Plaintiff's Motion for Conditional Certification and that

Defendant was opposed to any motion for relief relating to Plaintiff's failure to confer. As

such, Plaintiff files this current Motion for Conditional Certification to state that he is hereby

withdrawing his prior Motion for Conditional Certification (ECF No. 14) and that this current

Motion for Conditional Certification is opposed.

2. Plaintiff worked as an hourly-paid Delivery Driver for Defendant Jerry Don

Hodges d/b/a B.J. & H. Enterprises or Dominos. ("Defendant").

3. Plaintiff brought this suit individually and on behalf of all other Delivery

Drivers who worked for Defendant and who are similarly situated to Plaintiff, to recover

unpaid wages, liquidated damages, prejudgment interest, and reasonable attorney's fees

pursuant to Section 216(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") as a result of Defendant's

policies and practice of failing to pay proper wages under the FLSA.

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All Delivery Drivers since October 31, 2019.

5. Section 216(b) of the FLSA provides that "[a]n action . . . may be maintained

against any employer . . . by any one or more employees for and on behalf of himself or

themselves and other employees similarly situated." 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

6. Plaintiff hereby moves to conditionally certify this lawsuit as a collective action

for the purpose of providing notice of the action to members of the collective.

7. Plaintiff and the members of the collective are sufficiently similarly situated

that conditional certification of the proposed collective is appropriate, as explained in the Brief

filed herewith.

8. Plaintiff requests that this Court permit him to provide the Notice attached

hereto to potential opt-in Plaintiffs via email as well as traditional U.S. Mail, and that this Court

permit Plaintiff to distribute a reminder postcard via traditional U.S. Mail or as a follow-up

email.

9. Attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, are the Notice and Consent to Join

proposed by Plaintiff for distribution in this case. Attached as Exhibit 3 is the email text

proposed by Plaintiff for electronic distribution of the Notice. The Notices and Consent make

no comment on the merits of the case. The Notices are narrowly drawn to notify potential class

members of the pending litigation, the composition of the class and their right to "opt in" to

the litigation.

10. Plaintiff requests a period of ninety (90) days to distribute the Notice and file

Consent to Join forms with this Court and requests this Court to enter an Order directing

Defendant to provide the names and last known mailing addresses, phone numbers and email

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11. To guarantee notice to Defendant's current employees, Plaintiff asks that Defendants be required to post the Notice in a conspicuous location in the same areas in which it posts government-required notices.

12. Plaintiff incorporates his Brief in Support of the current Motion, filed concurrently with this Motion.

13. In support of this Motion, Plaintiff incorporates the following exhibits:

Ex. 1: Proposed Notice of Right to Join Lawsuit;

Ex. 2: Proposed Consent to Join Collective Action;

Ex. 3: Proposed Text of Electronic Transmissions;

Ex. 4: Proposed Reminder Postcard;

Ex. 5: Declaration of Attorney Josh Sanford; and

Ex. 6: Declaration of Seth Terry.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Plaintiff prays that the Court:

A. Conditionally certify the collective proposed by Plaintiff;

B. Approve of the use of U.S. Mail and email to distribute Plaintiff's proposed Notice and Consent to Join:

C. Approve the form and content of Exhibits 1–4 for use in providing notice to the potential collective members via the methods described in this Motion;

D. Order Defendant to produce the names and last known mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of each potential opt-in Plaintiff in an electronically importable and malleable format, such as Excel, within seven (7) days after this Court's Order is entered;

E. Allow for an opt-in period of ninety (90) days, to begin seven (7) days after the day that Defendant produces the names and contact information for the putative collective

members, in which putative collective members may submit a Consent to Join this lawsuit as an opt-in plaintiff;

- F. Grant Plaintiff leave to send a follow-up reminder Postcard via U.S. Mail or email, beginning thirty (30) days after the opt-in period begins, to potential plaintiffs who have not responded to the Notice; and
- G. Award costs and a reasonable attorneys' fee and grant all other relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled, whether specifically prayed for or not.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH TERRY, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, PLAINTIFF

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